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House Set On Fire Twice

Temple Bars Meeting To Protest KKK Attacks On Jewish Family

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FREEPORT, N. Y.—A synagogue that closed its doors to a scheduled meeting called to protest a revival of Ku Klux Klan terrorism against a Jewish family was the topic of widespread discussion this week by Nassau County Jews.

Temple B'nai Israel of Freeport had been announced as the scene of a meeting called for Aug. 15 to protest a new outbreak of hooded terror aimed at both Jews and Negroes but when people began arriving, they were told that the Temple had given permission only for a "small meeting of local clergymen and others interested."

Even that meeting was held not in the Temple itself, which remained closed, but in an adjoining house owned by the Temple.

The incident that provoked the meeting occurred three days earlier. At about 3 a. m., an arrow was fired into the front screen door of the home of Charles Faber.

It was the third anonymous attack. In two earlier ones, hoodlums set fire to the Faber home.

Signed By KKK

The arrow bore two pages of verse and slogans, attacking Negroes and Jews. A letter was signed "KKK."

Two hours later, Mrs. Faber received two threatening telephone calls which stopped when she told the sneak caller that the letter had been turned over to the police.

The threats appeared prompted by the fact that the Fabers, who have lived in Freeport for 34 years, were planning to sell their home, located on the edge of the Negro section, to Negroes.

In response to the third attack, which revived memories of the heyday of the Klan in Freeport, a provisional committee, headed by Mrs. Martha Bergman, called the protest meeting at B'nai Israel.

Temple Was Closed

Negro and civic organizations from Freeport and the nearby communities were invited, both by press and telephone calls. When the representatives arrived no one seemed to be in charge and

the Temple was closed.

Lester Baumann, chairman of the Temple's board of trustees, told the Nassau County daily NEWSDAY that the Temple was unwilling to permit a mass meeting in the building. Other Temple officials were quoted as saying that there was not enough room in the Temple.

The auditorium of the Temple has seats for several hundred persons. About 100 persons gathered for the meeting, which was finally held in a private home.

The Nassau County American Labor Party precipitated a struggle when it tried to take over the meeting. A sharp debate between the ALP and a spokesman for Americans for Democratic Action marked the early stages of the meeting.

Finally, the 60 persons present named as chairman Mrs. Mildred Patterson, head of the Freeport chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Mrs. Florence Lazare, president of the South Shore chapter of the Women's division of the American Jewish Congress, as co-chairman.

The meeting adopted a five-point program, calling for a mass rally to fight the Klan, an invitation to all local groups to join in the fight against hate outbursts and a warning to county officials that they would be held responsible for failure to arrest and prosecute acts of violence.

Henry Waldman, Nassau County Commander of the Jewish War Veterans, charged at the meeting that there had been a secret Klan conclave the previous Sunday in Freeport to form a nucleus for the revival of the Klan. The District Attorney's office said there would be a probe of Waldman's charges.

JEWS REPORTED SENT EN MASSE TO SIBERIA FOR WANTING ISRAEL

TEL AVIV—(WNS)—Private reports which have reached here state that Jews in Bessarabia and Northern Bukowina, territories which came under Russian rule since the war, were a month ago deported en masse to Siberia after they registered for emigration to Israel. The reports state that between July 10-20 all Jews in the cities of Kishiven and Czernowitz who had so registered were dispatched to the Murmansk area in the Arctic region.

The majority of the Jewish population of the two territories, it is stated, had registered for migration to the Jewish state, after Soviet authorities in the two capital cities of Kishiven and Czernowitz had announced on July 1 that Jews wishing to emigrate to Israel could register with the local authorities.

The reports further say that panic is spreading in the Rumanian part of Bukowina among Jews who had been preparing to migrate to Israel and who remained stranded after emigration was prohibited.

It is also noted here that relatives in Israel of Jews in Bessarabia and Bukowina have not

been receiving any mail from these areas during the past several months.

Madrid Lifts Ban On Tolerance Film

MADRID — The censorship board that banned the film "Gentleman's Agreement" in Spain last fall and was accused of anti-Semitism for so doing, cleared the movie for showing in Madrid this week.

The charges stemmed from a statement in the ban order which said that the Christian duty to "stimulate love among individuals, societies, nations and peoples" did not necessarily extend to Jews.

Frisch Wins ZOA Approval For Bid To 'Democratize' Welfare Funds

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—The twin goals of a bid to "democratize" the federations and welfare funds of the U. S. Jewish community and to throw the full strength of the Zionist Organization of America behind the middle class in Israel emerged as the highlights of President Daniel Frisch's program for the world's largest Zionist organization.

A harmonious joint meeting of the ZOA administrative council and executive committee, two of its three top bodies, endorsed the Frisch program in principle last weekend and prepared to work out the specific details.

Frisch's warning that the federations and welfare funds controlled too much power in U.S. Jewish communal life was endorsed by a top official of the 1949 United Jewish Appeal, who agreed the local funds were too powerful.

Among the plans for Israel endorsed by the two ZOA administrative bodies and previously proposed by Frisch were the building of colonies on the principle of individual ownership of homes; establishment of a chain of small loan societies; a home building program for small farmers; and aid to social welfare agencies of the General Zionist movement in Israel.

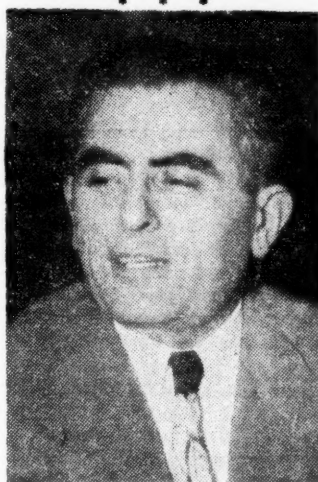
Frisch summed up the philosophy of this phase of his program in these words: "To help the middle man is, I am profoundly convinced, the best way of helping the stability and success of the state of Israel."

He proposed ZOA support of a widely-expanded Chalutzit (pioneering in Israel) program but rejected the labor Zionist approach of hachshara (training on collective farms in the U.S.) He suggested, instead, that the ZOA undertake to register U.S. Jewish young people with needed skills and then provide proper facilities for them in Israel.

He also proposed a system of student scholarships, collection of materials, particularly machinery, and full support to the UJA.

The two elements of his program most likely to create a stir were those aimed "at the American sector of the Jewish front."

Asserting that the existing system of Jewish education for youth in the U.S. was a failure, he said that "the sad fact is



DANIEL FRISCH

Democracy For Funds

that the majority of our young generation in America is totally bereft of knowledge of our tradition and culture and is totally Hebrew-less."

He proposed as a starter that "in consultation with all Jewish organizations, institutions and agencies" that the ZOA map a nation-wide plan "for carrying the Hebrew language and literature into every Jewish household" in the U.S.

Turning to the issue of the control of the U.S. Jewish community's 265 federations and welfare funds, Frisch said that he would be "less than candid, if I were not to point out that the Welfare Funds, with their enormous influence and power over fund-raising and disbursements, must be democratized if they are to function properly in the interests of the whole Jewish community of America."

He proposed the establishment

of a special ZOA Community Relations Commission to handle that task.

Frisch did not amplify what he meant by democratizing the welfare funds but it was assumed that he wanted the ZOA districts to seek greater representation on the federations than they now have.

Conceding that such a program would involve enormous outlays of funds, he especially limited the program "in recognition of the primacy and needs of the UJA," only to "that beginning which we can make in the forthcoming year."

He said that this limitation required "a minimum" of \$2,000,000. He repeated his recommendation that the ZOA forego an independent campaign if there would be "a complete unification of all fund-raising efforts in America in behalf of Israel."

This was a reference to the recent Jewish Agency proposal that all the major U.S. Zionist bodies mesh their fund-raising into a Joint 1950 UJA, in return for an allocation from the 1950 drive. That proposal has already been formally rejected by Hadassah and the U.S. Histadrut and appeared to be a failure.

In the event of such failure, Frisch said, or of no inclusion in the UJA campaign, "we are determined to go to our Zionists and to the Jewish community at large for the funds which we deem indispensable to the carrying out of our program."

It was not clear whether General Zionist allocations in Israel played any part in Frisch's budgetary estimates. The General Zionists there received \$900,000 this year from the Jewish Agency, which receives its funds from the UJA.

Hadassah And Histadrut Reject Agency Plan For Joint 1950 UJA

NEW YORK—Hadassah and the Histadrut, the two U. S. organizations most likely to be deeply affected by the Jewish Agency plan for a Joint 1950 United Jewish Appeal, have flatly rejected the proposal, the Jewish World News Service reported this week.

Official announcements by Mrs. Rebecca Shullman for the Women's Zionist Organization, and Isaac Hamlin for the Histadrut, made it plain that both would continue their independent fund-raising.

Don't Want It

Hadassah is one of the most effective money-raising Zionist groups, collecting funds for its network of welfare institutions in Israel. The U. S. Histadrut runs an annual Gewerkshafen campaign which is a major Labor Zionist Organization of America project.

Under the Jewish Agency proposal, all major U.S. Zionist groups would have incorporated their fund-raising machinery into the UJA drive next year.

In return, they were to have received an allocation from the 1950 drive.

The plan was developed at a conference of U. S. Zionist and fund-raising leaders with Jewish Agency and Israeli officials in Tel Aviv late last month.

No Surrender

Hamlin, Histadrut general secretary, fired his salvos at the plan in an article in the FORWARD, N. Y. Yiddish daily.

Speaking for both the U.S. and Israel Histadrut organizations, Hamlin said "we will not surrender our independence and we will carry on our work as heretofore."

New York

ONE DYNAMIC DREAMER CAN DO
PLENTY FOR WRITERS IN ISRAEL

By M. Z. FRANK

Mr. Benjamin Gichko, a former educationist who has become an owner of a small estate in Israel, took me one Sunday morning by car from Tel Aviv to Herzliah to show me the Writer's Hill. Gichko, whom I had met in New York during the few years he spent there, mostly at the home of Simon Halkin, is the author of the idea of the Writer's Hill (Giv'at Hashofer). He induced the municipality of Herzliah, where he is a taxpayer, to set aside ten dunams of land (about three acres) for the use of the project. Financially, the municipality could do much better with those dunams than give it away for nothing for the use of Israel's men of letters, but evidently the idea appealed to its denizens.

Once Mr. Gichko got a hold of me in Tel Aviv (it was on Allenby Road, where it turns into Ben Yehuda street, a stone's throw from the Knesset, at a soda water stand) he would not let go of me until he got me interested in his pet project. And he took me, one windy Sunday morning, to see the Writer's Hill.

The wind from the nearby Mediterranean was lashing at us as we struggled to open the gate on the hill. The view was magnificent.

"You see," said Mr. Gichko, "here is where we have planted the Garden of the Heroes. Here"—and he pointed to a spot nearby—"I plan to have a garden of Biblical plants." And then he showed me just where he proposed to have each building: a central library, a museum, archives, houses bearing names of great Hebrew writers. Here some day, Hebrew writers in Israel will spend their vacation or work periods in a congenial atmosphere. Here they will hold their conventions. Here they will entertain writers from abroad...

All I could see was a magnificent sea and a magnificent hill, and a lot of grass. But Israel is a place where pipe dreams like Gichko's become realities. Yesterday nothing, tomorrow a solid settlement—that's the rule there. I hadn't been long enough in Israel to get it in my blood, though.

"Where is that famous Saron Hotel?" I asked him. He pointed it out to me in the distance.

"Can we see it?" But the driver refused to take that road.

"Can I go from here to the Ruppin College?"

We could not make that, and I was annoyed. The Ruppin Agricultural College was being officially opened that day. It was planned and executed by my friend, Chaim Halpern, director of the Agricultural Department while he was still the Agricultural Director of the Histadruth. I went with him in April, 1948 to see it in the process of construction, and I well remember the beautiful view of the Hefer Valley I saw from the roof of the unfinished building. This was Chaim's party now, and I was going to miss it just on account of Gichko's pipe dream!

It did not occur to me at the time that the Ruppin College also began as a pipe dream in the mind of Chaim Halpern.

ON NEITHER OF MY TWO VISITS to Israel did I feel any particular need to see Hebrew writers, despite my lifelong interest in Hebrew literature. Life in Israel moves so fast that one does not notice the makers of literature, whose work is by its very nature of a much slower tempo. But I did go to see some of them whom I knew personally or to whom I had some personal messages.

I visited Reuven Grossman, a native of Chicago and a teacher at the Herzliah College in Tel Aviv, an excellent poet, at his home. I had met him in New York when he still lived here and during his visit some two years ago. His eldest son, Noam, fell in one of the earliest battles of the Arab war. He now changed his name to Avinoam (Noam's father). In the teacher's room at the Herzliah, I shook hands with Shimonowitz (now Shimoni) whose delightful idylls of life in Israel I had taught to many pupils, including my son. I had promised Halkin to look up his friend Isaac Lamdan, author of the epic of the chalutz movement "Masada."

Grossman, Shimoni, Lamdan are all on the executive board of the Writer's Hill project.

I WENT ONE MORNING to the cafe on Allenby Road where Lamdan is to be found between 11 and 12 in the morning. And I ran into a few other writers as well, including Grossman.

"Tell me," I asked them, "do you think there is anything in Gichko's pipe dream?"

They seemed to take it much more seriously than I did. My skepticism began to waver.

When Gichko turned up in New York now to push his pet project, he already had the pledge of Argentine's Jews for 10,000



FRANK

Hundreds Of Christians In U.S.
Convert Themselves To Judaism

NEW YORK—Hundreds of families scattered through the United States have renounced Christianity to become Jews and in many cases are vastly more devout in observance of their new Judaism than those born into the faith.

Details of this unique development in American Judaism were disclosed in the Temple Topics of Temple Beth El, Niagara Falls, a publication serviced by the Jewish Bulletin Service of Englewood, N. J.

The copyrighted story reported that among the more active

family groups who have accepted Judaism, a society has been established with the purpose of furthering the teachings of Judaism not only among former Christians but also among Jews. The exact number of converts was not listed.

The group has headquarters in New York and calls itself the United Israel World Union. The story said the members of the union consist of former Catholic and Protestants who have become Jews.

The basic requirement for membership is to accept the Mosaic code, a requirement that brings its members back to Old Testament Judaism and which has led to faithful observance of dietary law, circumcision, Jewish holidays and the Sabbath. The story said that in many ways the converted Christians were a good deal more observant than Jews by birth.

Section 1, article 4 of the constitution of the organization provides that "any person who recognizes and accepts the original Bible of God, the Father, the Creator, as a basis for his or her daily conduct of life, acknowledging further the law of Moses, as instituted at Sinai as a foundation, may become a member."

Started In 1943

The group started in Waterville, a small town near Utica, N. Y. in 1943 when a group of Bible-loving former Christians came together for common purposes following the voluntary conversion of their entire families to Judaism. They decided then to form a closer kinship with each other to intensify their mutual interest in their new religion.

To make certain that their new religious orientation would have a clear-cut outline of traditional behavior, they adopted a set of principles. At a "Founders' Assembly" in January 1944, they

pounds (\$30,000) for a 10-room house in the memory of Saul Tchernikhovsky on Writer's Hill. That finally convinced me.

THE HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) is opening a branch in Israel. The HIAS was founded in order to help Jewish immigrants coming to the United States. Not Canada, not Mexico, not Cuba, or Brazil, or Guatemala, or Argentina—nor Israel. The HIAS has never functioned in any other country.

But such is the magnetic power of Israel today that even HIAS has come in.

Who's next? The American Council for Judaism?

Many of the new converts dropped their old names to assume Hebrew first names and have named their children on the same basis.

One of the members, David Horowitz, gives his full time to serving as president.

The group obtained widespread but confusing publicity when Boake Carter, noted radio commentator, accepted the Mosaic faith. He was buried in a Jewish cemetery in Los Angeles with a rabbi officiating.

Members are encouraged to become students of the Bible and to live by its teachings. Its members include university professors, engineers, government officials, writers, businessmen and women, farmers and students.

The attitude of the organization was explained by Virginia Clark, one of its officers.

How They Feel

"When some of us former Christians recognize our Israeli heritage, we feel kinship with our brother Jews; we realize that in our beliefs of 2,000 years we may have led astray, and we desire to keep the covenant established by Moses," she said.

"We feel proud of this heritage. We feel proud, too, that we can consider ourselves children of Jacob. In joy and thanksgiving we open our arms to our brothers of Judah. We are accepting the Mosaic code as a way of life. Our return has encouraged many drifting Jews to were given.

She disclosed that the group is actively engaged in counteracting the work of Christian missionaries to Jews, commenting that "this very procedure, namely renunciation of Christians of their beliefs and acceptance of Judaism, helps greatly in effectively combating the work of the Christian missionaries who lure many Jewish souls to Christianity."

The report said that a great many of the new Jews are studying Hebrew to get a better understanding and adherence to Jewish life and ways.

How About This?

Miss Clark's reference to welcoming Jews by birth raised a point which the report did not cover. Jews have a group life based on a good deal more than common religious beliefs, a group life frequently quite vigorous totally minus religious belief, or at least practice.

Whether the new Jews have been accepted by the Jewish communities of the cities in which they live as part of the Jewish group, with all of its group warmth, was not reported on.

Also not reported on was whether the new Jews are members of synagogues and which ones. Given their Old-Testament base, it would be likely that they would belong to strictly Orthodox synagogues but no details were given.

DETROIT JEWS URGED TO AVOID
'MUSHROOM SYNAGOGUES' BY JCC

National Jewish Post

DETROIT—Detroit Jewry was given assurance this week that every effort would be made to provide facilities for High Holy Day worship, in a statement that also blasted "mushroom synagogues" inspired annually by "financial impetus."

The statement was issued by the Jewish Community Council and the Council of Orthodox Rabbis of Detroit.

The statement said that "additional synagogue services have been arranged in order to afford all members of the Jewish Com-

munity of Detroit the opportunity to worship. Many congregations have undertaken the added task of providing supplementary services for those who are unaffiliated on a year-round basis."

The statement then noted that there were cases "where the primarily financial impetus prompts the growth of 'mushroom synagogues' in various restaurants, auditoriums and catering halls in the Jewish section of our city." The two groups called such synagogues "deplorable" and added that "one hardly finds education or inspiration in a restaurant or catering hall."

Promising that "all efforts will be made to provide adequate facilities for all Jewish members of our community," the statement urged Detroit Jews unable to find "an established place of worship" to get in touch with the Orthodox rabbis group.

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Catholic Weekly Protests Aid To Jews Chicago Congress Division Rips Trib On Indemnification Story

National Jewish Post
CHICAGO—A news dispatch from the Washington office of the Chicago TRIBUNE, which attacked the law for indemnification of victims of Nazism, was denounced this week by the Chicago division of the American Jewish Congress.

The dispatch quoted at length from an editorial in the Sign, a Catholic publication, which called the law an act of "vengeance" against the Germans and asked "How does a minority group here in America manage to get all this consideration from government policy makers?"

In a letter to the Chicago TRIBUNE, Rabbi Morton M. Berman, president of the Chicago division, charged that the first part of the Washington story, which "purports to describe the nature of the General Claims law" had five major errors of fact.

The dispatch said that John J. McCloy, U. S. High Commissioner to Germany, was under fire for ordering payments to persons interned in Nazi concentration camps. The dispatch did not list any names of the alleged critics.

Rabbi Berman dismissed as simple misstatements of fact contentions of the Washington dispatch that the amount of compensation will be determined by the victims; that any individual will receive more than "very low ceilings specified in the law," regardless of the greatness of loss or amount of sufferings; that the cost of the program will be borne by U. S. taxpayers; that any substantial part of the compensation will apply to loss of freedom through internment in concentration camps, most of it going for loss of life or limb, property or employment; and that McCloy alone was responsible for the law.

Upset By Victims

The Catholic weekly editorial quoted by the Chicago Tribune was particularly upset by the fact that the law would cover German Jews who survived the Hitler terror.

It referred to "the case of the DPs who went to Palestine and are settled in Arab homes on Arab lands and eat dinner out of Arab-owned pots and pans which they have appropriated. Are they to be paid a pension while doing to the Arabs what the Germans are being taxed for having done to them?"

The editorial went on to say: "Why so much partiality to aliens? Is life in a concentration camp worse than life in a fox-hole? A lot of American boys spent many man-months in fox-holes. That was a more precarious fix than pacing up and down behind a barbed wire fence. If we are assigning pensions for Nazi-inflicted discomforts, why not give the American soldier a break?"

This Is The Mystery

"The really big question and the mystery is: How does a minority group here in America manage to get all this consideration from government policy makers? We know that Americans can obtain equality of treatment only at the expense of much lobbying, which means money. But this is not equality of treatment. It is highly preferential treatment. A great block of American foreign policy is being built around the whim of a minority.

"If we go penalizing the whole German people for the former tactics of a Nazi minority, we are only previewing the day when the whole American people will be made to pay for the same kind of tactics on the part of one of their min-

orities," the editorial said.

Rabbi Berman commented on the editorial that "only a distorted mind could equate service in the American Armed forces with internment in a concentration camp."

He said that to the Catholic publication, a concentration camp meant "pacing up and down behind barbed wire fence." Rabbi Berman proposed that the editors "read the Germans' own records on the 6,000,000 Jews ruthlessly murdered there, of the millions more subjected to starvation, inhuman experiments, and degradation to a level below the worst periods of the Dark Ages."

Herzog Shakes Deal On Religious Peace

TEL AVIV, Israel—The unwritten agreement between religious and non-religious leadership in Israel to avert a showdown on the issue of Biblical law in the Jewish State was threatened this week by a sharp attack from Chief Rabbi Isaac Halevi Herzog.

Speaking before the 18th World Mizrahi (religious Zionist) conference in Jerusalem, according to World Wide News Service, the Chief Rabbi accused the Labor-controlled Israeli Government of adhering to "Gentile jurisdiction which is utterly un-Jewish."

The venerable spiritual leader also demanded the removal of Supreme Court Judges who he charged lack extensive Jewish juridical education.

The chief rabbi's basic demand was for a complete revision of Israel's laws and a remodeling of its legislation based on the laws of the Torah. He also demanded more powers for the rabbinical courts.

The agreement to avoid a final showdown was worked out when the Orthodox bloc entered the Government in a coalition with Mapai, the center labor party. By tacit consent, both sides agreed not to bring the issue out into the open until the more pressing issues of absorption of immigration and peace with the Arab neighbors was achieved.

News — Straight And Clean
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HERZOG

Rochester's Orthodox Jews Urged To Give 16 Half-Empty Synagogues to Negro Worshippers

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—A proposal that more than a dozen small and largely unused Orthodox synagogues in a large Negro area of Rochester be abandoned and turned over to Negro worshippers to be used as churches was submitted to Rochester Jewry this week by the Jewish director of a Negro settlement house.

Irving M. Kriegsfeld, director of the Baden-Ormond settlement, in an interview with the Jewish LEDGER of Rochester, accused the Jewish community of failure to build real interracial understanding.

For the Jewish community in the neighborhood, which he said constituted a minority of whites there, he made his suggestion that some of the small synagogues in the area should be consolidated and the buildings

turned over to Negro congregations, a gesture which he claimed would "cement interracial relations in this city."

"There are 16 small Orthodox synagogues in this one mile by half mile area," Kriegsfeld said. "They stand practically empty except for two weeks of the year. Meanwhile, Negro congregations with as many as 400 members meet in an old decrepit store where there is danger of the floor falling through with every Amen."

He urged the Jewish community to "push aside false pride in the traditions of their faltering congregations. By uniting, the Jewish community as a whole will be strengthened. And turning over the buildings to Negro congregations would make for good will which can not be measured in money."

Pepsi-Cola In Israel

NEW YORK—A \$250,000 plant is scheduled to be built in Israel to bring the blessings of Pepsi-Cola to the Israeli population, it was disclosed this week.

A report from Tel Aviv, in ISRAEL SPEAKS, revealed that Ralph A. Jimenez, special representative for the company, is now on a fact-finding mission in Israel.

Jimenez said the soft-drink industry, as it is known in the U. S., does not exist in Israel and his company plans to do something about it.

The plant will employ 150 persons directly and give additional indirect jobs for many more, Jimenez said.

Industries already in Israel will supply chemicals, bottles, caps and gas. The proposed factory will need to import only sugar and its special flavor concentrate. Jimenez said it would sell at the U. S. equivalent of six cents a bottle.

Germans OK Germans In Munich Assault

MUNICH, Germany—A German hearing this week absolved German police of having shown any anti-Semitism in their battle with Jewish DPs Aug. 10 in which 20 policemen and six Jews were hurt.

They were cleared at a meeting presided over by Thomas Wimmer, mayor of Munich.

The riot, termed by Joint Distribution Officials the worst anti-Semitic incident since Hitler, developed when the police tried to stop a Jewish demonstration over an anti-Semitic letter published in a U.S.-licensed German newspaper.

Arab Palestine Urged by U.S. Lawyers Guild

WASHINGTON — President Truman and the U. S. State Department were urged by the National Lawyers Guild this week to seek establishment of an independent Arab state in Palestine "at the earliest possible date."

Government Shies At Admitting It Israel Confirms 50 Per Cent Drop In Immigration From Peak

TEL AVIV, Israel—An Israeli immigration official this week indirectly confirmed reports that the rate of immigration into the Jewish State has dropped 50 per cent from the peak of 1,000 a day.

The indirect disclosure was made by Yeshoshua Shye, director general of the Ministry of Immigration, who said that since the proclamation of Israel, an average of 18,000 immigrants had arrived

each month. He said that during the last three months, the rate had dropped to 16,000 a month.

Shye also said that one of the reasons for the drop was that potential immigrants had been deterred by reports of unfavorable conditions in Israel.

The first formal announcement of immigration rates sharply highlighted the reluctance of the Israeli government to admit that there has been a sharp dip in immigration.

Only 11 Per Cent?

Shye's figures, when subjected to analysis, substantiated earlier reports of the 50 per cent drop, though Shye submitted his figures as demonstrating a drop of only 11 per cent.

Official figures for last March indicated a total of 30,500 immigrants for that month, roughly 1,000 a day. The 16,000 figure given by Shye, when matched against the March total, revealed how deep the drop actually was.

Shye's technique of averaging out the total immigration for the first year of Israel's existence on a month's basis was technically accurate but it concealed the fact that there had been a peak of 1,000 a day.

The second reason given by Shye was that some of the sources, such as the British camps at Cyrenica and Aden, had been emp-

tied of Jewish refugees.

His statement made no reference to a report in June by a N.Y. TIMES correspondent that a formal cut had been instituted by the Israel government, partly to give the young state a breathing spell and partly to permit prior education of some 800,000 Moslem Jews determined to come to Israel.

The Moslem Jews, coming from a pariah existence of incredible squalor, are so far from western standards that Israeli officials feared they might become an indigestible lump if they were taken in large numbers without any educational effort.

Unmask Zionism Job of Red Jewish Theater

BUCHAREST (WNS)—One of the primary aims of the Jewish state theater in Russia is to unmask "Zionist nationalism," it was declared here by Bernhard Lebli, director of the theater.

In his first annual report on the activities of the theater, Lebli disclosed that over 90,000 people attended the performances. Outlining the future functions of the theater, he said its purpose was to depict "the Jew not as a passive victim of past regimes, but in an active role as a fighter, a hero of labor, a man of the new type who is now in the making in the Rumanian Popular Republic."

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Names In The News

PAT HURLEY GETS 'CREDIT' FOR FIRST BIGOTRY ON VIDEO

WHAT looks like the first case of anti-Semitism on television was recorded on a televised program of "Meet the Press," with Brig. Gen. PATRICK HURLEY, one-time Secretary of War and Ambassador to China in the unhonored role of the peddler. As described by chair-witness Arnold Ginsburg in his "Our Jewish Community" column in the Philadelphia Jewish Times, Hurley was getting a rough going-over from the sharp-witted newsmen-questioners, who included ISADORE F. STONE, who happens to be Jewish. Stones vigorous questions brought Hurley to the boiling point. Finally, Hurley screamed at Stone: "You — Go Back to Jerusalem!"

The Young Do Lead

Great was the surprise of Mr. and Mrs. MEYER EISENBERG of Minneapolis when they drove out to a non-sectarian camp to see how their 11-year-old daughter, Lois, was getting along, as reported by Louis Greene, in his "I'll Tell the World," column in the American Jewish World.

Said the counselor to the Eisenbergs, "Oh, you're the parents of the girl who puts on our Palestinian program. She's teaching us all Hebrew songs and dances." Under the leadership of Lois, the four other Jewish girls at the camp had taught many of the 51 non-Jewish campers how to dance

the Hora and sing Palestinian songs—in Hebrew. It caught on, according to Greene, and presently, the counselors were getting instructions. Says Greene, "Now, they're all singing Hebrew songs."

Rebbetzin's Corner

Original jewelry creations in copper and silver, the work of Mrs. W. GUNTHER PLATT, have been chosen for exhibition at the University of Minnesota Centennial Exhibition. She is the wife of the rabbi of the Mount Zion Temple in St. Paul.

One of two additions to the teaching staff of the Hillel School in Rochester, N.Y., for the coming season is Mrs. STUART ROSENBERG, attractive wife of the rabbi of Temple Beth El. The other is AVIVA SHPRINZAK, daughter-in-law of Israel's Knesset Speaker, Joseph Shprintzak.

Lovely Mystery

When MIRIAM LAPAYOWKER of Philadelphia said that all she wants is a "nice quiet date, maybe just a movie," it wasn't the mournful cry of a date-hungry girl. Beautiful and well-curved Miriam has been named "Miss Greater Philadelphia of 1949" and she is the first Jewish girl to win the title in the history of Philadelphia competition, according to the Philadelphia Jewish Times. The reason she hasn't got that date is that her phone has been ringing madly as all sorts of people offer all sorts of contracts.

What's Kooking?

HILLEL KOOK, who produced quite an uproar not so long ago in U. S. Jewish circles as PETER BERGSON, chief drum-beater in the U. S. for the terrorist Irgun, is engaged in political warfare in the Herut party in Israel, political successor to the Irgun. The Mizrahi (religious Zionists) reported that Kook is a leader of a faction within the right-ring party which is fighting the leader-

Radio Roundup

The Post will present here weekly a summary of nationally-broadcast radio programs of interest to Jewish listeners. No responsibility is assumed by The Post for last minute changes by radio networks.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28—Rabbi Ahron Opher of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun of Paterson, N.J., last of a series of nine speakers from all branches of U.S. Judaism on a special summer series on the "Message of Israel" program, 10 a.m. EDT, ABC.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28 Dr. William L. Lawrence, science reporter for the N.Y. TIMES, guest panelist on the summer series, "The Words We Live By," on the "Eternal Light" program, 12:30 p.m., EDT, NBC.

ship of MENACHIM BEIGIN, former Irgun commander.

The Sharp Reminder

Sharpest comment yet on the savage struggle last spring when the Jewish Agency overrode the Zionist Organization of America on the issue of control of the United Jewish Appeal came this week from S. Z. SHRAGAI, Mizrahi leader in Israel. Back from a U. S. visit, Shragai condemned the fund-raising fight because it led to greater influence by non-Zionists in aid to Israel, adding that "the measure of sympathy accorded Israel by these non-Zionists is dependent upon America's official attitude toward the Jewish State."

Placing himself squarely in the path of the "deluge" of books in recent years "which urge us not to worry," Rabbi NATHAN A. PERILMAN of New York's Temple Emanu-El retorted this week "by all means worry. Worry about the low esteem in which we are held by those who lead us, teach us, amuse us, supply our wants, shape our souls." He said both Christianity and Judaism had survived because they worried about and responded to the challenge of evil.

With The Rabbis

APPOINTMENTS—Rabbi JEROME H. BLASS will assume his duties as spiritual leader of the Bergen field-Dumont Jewish Community Center, N. J. Sept. 1.

Rabbi M.M. GOODMAN, who has served as spiritual leader of the Heska Amuna Congregation of Knoxville, Tenn. for the past six years, has resigned to accept the pulpit of Congregation Tifereth B'nai Jacob of Minneapolis.

RESIGNATIONS — Rabbi JACOB WENDROFF has resigned as spiritual leader of Congregation Kneseth Israel at Hartford, Conn.

Digest Of The Yiddish Press

U. S. - PALESTINE RELATIONS STEM FROM JEWISH CONSUL IN 1832

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

IN 1832 the American government appointed as its consul in Jerusalem and Haifa a Jew by the name of David Dorman. From that time onward there has existed a continuous relationship between the United States and Palestine. Records of the dealings between this country and the Holy Land, over the course of more than a century, have been buried in State Department archives, in musty manuscripts in the Congressional Library, in the files of oil companies, in the unpublished correspondence of diplomats, in Hebrew documents in Palestine and in the morgues of Yiddish newspapers.



SILVER

The monumental task of assembling all of this vast data has just been brilliantly accomplished and put into book form by a 39-year-old native of Boston, Frank A. Manuel. "The Realities of American-Palestine Relations," published on July 1, is highly recommended by the JOURNAL'S Washington correspondent, M. Frank.

A Harvard graduate, Dr. Manuel is the son of immigrant parents, his father is the president of Boston's first Bakers' Union, a graduate of Boston's Hebrew teachers' college, a former aide to Leon Henderson and Paul Porter, a wartime intelligence officer, ex-professor of History at Cleveland's Western Reserve University, and a member of a mission which recently advised the Israeli government on their housing problems.

Frank maintains that Dr. Manuel's book is a model of polylingual research and contains a mass of new information about the bond between the two lands of promise. Dr. Manuel's present post is that of Professor of Modern History at Brandeis University.

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Mexico Jewry Rocked By Education Fight

Mexico Jewry is currently having its troubles. In the commercial world, panic prevails amongst merchants as a result of the crackdown by the government on business firms suspected of importing forbidden luxury items from the United States. A number of federal raids have already taken place; fur shops and other stores have been pounced upon by inspectors, have been subjected to inventory check-ups, and then heavily fined.

Every one of the establishments against which sudden,

drastic measures have been taken has been Jewish-owned. In the realm of Jewish education, Mexico's finest Jewish school is rocking with a controversy centering about A. Golomb, director of the school in Mexico City. What the dispute about is not too clear, but teacher-strikes and factional protests against Golomb threaten the existence of the school, one of the best on the American continent.

A three-man truce commission is pondering the idea of bringing an end to the stormy controversy by inviting an American arbitration team consisting of Hayyim Greenberg, Yudel Mark and S. Ravidovitch to help solve the problem.

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As Schulte, Goldberg Rose to Great Wealth

Whoever imagined that the founder of the largest cigar store chain in the country was a Jew named David Goldberg? Or that this same Goldberg was president of the famed Dunhill tobacco firm? Or that the Park & Tilford liquor company, and the Huyler candy shops were once controlled by this very Goldberg!

The reason so few people (including the editors of the Universal Jewish Encyclopedia) did not have this data is that Goldberg called himself David Schulte, a name he borrowed from a brother-in-law.

L. Davidson tells us in the FORWARD that the man whose cigar stores dotted the best-located corners of so many American cities was born in Thomasville, Georgia, 76 years ago, that he worked his way up from cigar stores clerk to one of the canniest business magnates in the U.S.

All during a life which was marked by some of the most fantastically successful real estate coups in our generation, Schulte-Goldberg continued to support many Jewish institutions with great generosity. He was a great admirer of FDR, and in 1946 contributed \$50,000 to the Democratic campaign. A tireless worker, he never took a vacation. Once persuaded to go to Miami for a two weeks' rest, he became bored, and left after a few days. Four weeks ago Goldberg-Schulte died, and many prominent personages, from all parts of the nation, attended the funeral at Temple Emanuel, New York.

ISRAEL FREES ARAB POWS

TEL AVIV, Israel—The Israeli Government announced this week the release of 260 Arab prisoners of war, all Palestinian Arabs from the northern part of the country.



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Women's Viewpoint

NEW ORLEANS RABBI REJECTS REFORM IN ISRAEL AS FANTASY

By HELEN COHEN

IRVING L. Goldman, rabbi of Congregation Chevra Thilim, New Orleans, writes:

Helen Cohen has left no doubt as to the subjects to which she should devote herself . . . She is much more at home writing about fashions and Sammy Rothberg's looks. Her comments on the possibility of Reform Judaism in Israel seemed to indicate hasty and shallow thinking on the subject.

It appears to me that Reform Judaism could not have a more sympathetic environment than the spiritual climate of United States Jewry . . . Certainly our environment is predominantly non-Jewish. That, however, has not been a deterrent to the growth of Reform Judaism. Because of that Reform Judaism has had greater appeal. Where there are no obstacles or conflicts in our path there is no need for a detour or change in direction.

In Israel, those Jews who do not go to the Orthodox Synagogue stay away because they are irreligious. Unfamiliarity with the Hebrew Prayers or the conflict of Sabbath business hours with Synagogue Services are not Israeli excuses for their absence from the Synagogue. Only one day of the major festivals is observed in Israel as the Reform do elsewhere. Those Jews in Israel who are religiously inclined have every opportunity to observe Jewish tradition in their proper form. Their environment holds no conflicts for them and consequently there is no reason for change. What changes would Helen Cohen suggest that Reform introduce in Israel? In what realm does Israel need Reform's "courage and ability to make changes"?

Incidentally, Orthodoxy has not had "the courage and ability to make change" as it feels that Judaism has to be lived regardless of where the Jew finds himself . . . Before I forget, Mrs. Cohen, what "ability" does it take to make changes?

As I understand the Reform position it seems that they are interested in seeing that their group has equal status in Israel and that no theocracy is established there. Many observers, including M. Z. Frank of The Post, have pointed out very emphatically that no such danger exists . . . I do not believe that any Reform leaders believe there is any possibility of Reform growth in Israel. Without actually having statistics available, I venture the observation that the few Reform Congregations now existing in Israel are not composed of native Israeli. Reform Judaism in Israel has been imported. The children of these Reform Jews will eventually attend an Orthodox Synagogue, reversing the procedure so prevalent in the United States.

May I add one further comment? No one denies the superb battle that was fought so brilliantly by able Reform Rabbis in helping to bring about the establishment of a Jewish State. I am confident on the other hand that Mrs. Cohen has not overlooked the contribution of Orthodox Rabbis, not only of the present period but also of the past 20 centuries, who fought to see that the Jewish people never forgot their homeland. It was incorporated into our prayers and customs were established to serve as a constant reminder of our hope for the restoration of Israel . . .

I do agree with Helen Cohen when she states "In Israel, the picture should be very different." It is! And will continue to be different. There is a climate conducive to traditional Judaism. The mere living in Israel enables one to observe certain commandments not required elsewhere. Foreign spiritual fruits will not find a suitable climate in Israel.

THE IDEA THAT CHANGE is a good thing is not exclusive with me, Rabbi Goldman. An excellent book on the history of Judaism by Rabbi Morris Goldstein is devoted to that very subject of change, entitled, "Thus Religion Grows." Rabbi Goldstein writes in his preface that "religion is dynamic. It grows with man's growth."

And that is the basis of Reconstructionism; that Judaism is not static but a dynamic civilization. It declares that Judaism has gone through several stages before reaching its present form, and that each successive stage has developed a more mature concept of God, of salvation and of community life.

When you term "irreligious" those Jews in Israel who do not adhere to the tenets of Orthodoxy, you thereby brand the vast majority of Israel's citizens with a description that does not necessarily fit them. Just because their beliefs do not coincide with Orthodoxy's doesn't make them "irreligious."

Jewish Publishers Participate In Fete

BUFFALO (WNS)—The English-Jewish Publishers' association is one of the co-sponsors of National Newspaper Week, it was announced here by Elias Jacobs,

secretary of the American Association of English-Jewish newspapers and editor and publisher of the Buffalo Jewish REVIEW.



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Kreiss Goldstein

Henrietta Kreiss, 116-46 135th St., South Zone Park, writes:

I would appreciate your giving me information about the name Kreiss. My father's family came from Hungary.

Kreiss is a name of curious derivation. It is a trade name denoting "a tailor." When you say that your father's family came from Hungary, you are probably referring to the Slovakian part of Hungary now included in the Czechoslovak Republic. The Slovakian word for "tailor" is "krajcir." Kreiss is a germanized form of the Slovakian word, with the terminal "ir" omitted.

Dolores Goldstein, 3737 West Ainalie St., Chicago, writes:

I would appreciate some information as to the background of my name. My father emigrated from Liverpool, England.

Goldstein is a name of German origin. Its literal meaning is a "touchstone." The reference is to a goldsmith's tool, employed to test the quality of gold and silver by means of friction. Many Goldsmiths in Germany took the name Goldstein as indicative of their trade. Other Jewish families took the name because they liked its sound and association with the precious metal.

Want to know what YOUR name means? It isn't just a meaningless bunch of letters. Find out by writing to Mr. Pearlroth, care of The Post. Include some information about your family background in your request.

Jewish Youth To Study Role in Fund-Raising

NEW YORK—The role of organized Jewish youth in fund-raising in the American Jewish community will be studied at the second annual assembly of the National Jewish Youth Conference opening Sept. 2 at Camp Wel-met, Narrowsburg, N. Y., for a full week.

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NUT COOKIES

¼ cup shortening ½ teaspoon salt
½ cup sugar 1 tablespoon milk
2 eggs, well beaten 1 cup chopped nuts
1 cup flour 1 teaspoon flavoring
2 teaspoons baking powder
Cream the shortening and sugar, and add the eggs. Mix and sift dry ingredients, and add to creamed shortening alternately with milk. Add chopped nuts, and vanilla or almond flavoring, and mix thoroughly. Drop by teaspoons onto a greased cookie sheet, and bake at 375 to 400 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes.

OATMEAL COOKIES

1 cup sugar ½ teaspoon soda
½ cup molasses 2 cups flour
1 cup melted shortening 1 cup chopped raisins
2 eggs sprinkled with
¼ cup milk 2 tablespoons flour
2 teaspoons cinnamon 2 cups rolled oats
1 teaspoon cloves
Mix ingredients together in order named, after first sifting the spices and soda with the flour. Drop by teaspoons onto greased pans, and bake at 375 to 400 degrees.

The Post will send one of Tina Lohman's famous cook books to each reader whose recipe is printed as "The Recipe of the Week."

Might Help To Settle Debate

YALE WILL PUBLISH SCROLLS IN PHOTOGRAPHIC VERSION

National Jewish Post
NEW HAVEN, Conn.—Biblical scholars soon will have a chance to decide for themselves whether or not the Isaiah scrolls are authentic.

Yale University announced this week that it will publish some of the Old Testament manuscripts in photographic form, with suitable transcription this fall.

The university said the oldest known copy of the Book of Isaiah, which Dr. Solomon Zeitlin of the Dropsie college has repeatedly denounced as a hoax, will be included in photographic form in a volume now in preparation. A commentary on the book of Habakkuk, a minor Hebrew prophet, also will be included.

The four scrolls were found in a cave on the northwestern shore of the Dead sea. The discovery immediately precipitated a raging debate in scholarly circles as to the authenticity of the findings.

The university said that other volumes would follow, based on original animal-skin manuscripts now in the United States but not owned or held by the school's American Schools of Oriental Re-

search.
The latter manuscripts are in the U. S. but they are in possession of Metropolitan Anthanasius Yessut Samuel of the Syrian Orthodox Monastery of St. Mark in Jerusalem.

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The Editor's Chair

EVEN BEFORE the first column from Sidney Wallach, consultant for the American Council for Judaism has appeared, The Post has received its first cancellation of a subscription. It's from Dr. Allan S. Horn of St. Petersburg, Fla., who writes that he "was all set to renew" his subscription, when he read that we plan to carry a column by "The American Cancer for Judaism." He wrote that "down here, we have no use for rattlesnakes (and) . . . with deep regret do I therefore cancel my subscription to the National Jewish Post which I enjoyed reading a great deal."

Now, I don't intend to take exceptions to Dr. Horn's action. That is his privilege. But he fails to take into consideration our position as an independent publication. We've already stated, and have always stated, our opposition to the Council. We differ with it on almost every point. The Council has never gained any editorial support from The Post, as far as I can recall.

Yet, if the Council asks us for space to present its viewpoints, we can hardly refuse and still maintain that we are a free press, a sort of marketplace for ideas and thinking.

That has been our position. Some take exception to it. Formerly some Anglo-Jewish papers refused to print news of the Council's activities, but the untenableness of their position finally dawped on such publishers, and by this time they have all reached the point where they cover activities of the Council that are newsworthy.

For other readers who might be inclined to side with Dr. Horn, I might point out that the preponderance of news in The Post is and always has been very much pro-Zionist and pro-Israel and that the Zionist position is not so weak as to need to fear attack from anti-Zionists. The Post has more faith in the strength of the Zionist philosophy than it appears Dr. Horn has.

One other point. When you order a meal at a restaurant in which the entree is delicious and the side dishes are all tasteful, excepting one, would you reject the entire meal because of the lone side dish? Of course not; you merely ignore the one side dish.

BB Sends Quonset House To Its Israel Colonies

National Jewish Post
NEW YORK—The first of a series of Quonset houses especially designed for Israel colonists will be shipped to Israel this week by B'nai B'rith, President Frank Goldman said.

The units will go as gifts of B'nai B'rith to its Henry Monsky and Alfred M. Cohen settlements in the Galilee, Goldman said. Each unit contains four apartments, each providing American-standard facilities for one family.

Editorial Page

Mr. Frisch's Program

THE new program for the Zionist Organization of America brought forward by President Daniel Frisch offers a blue print of action which can well transform the organization. It is a realistic approach to the situation created by emergence of Israel and while the program may be too ambitious to be possible of any realization, nevertheless it is a document, a blue print that is very much needed.

Mr. Frisch intends to enter the field of Jewish education. He also announces an open ZOA campaign to take over the local Jewish welfare funds and federations. In both cases, he is well within his rights but by the same token, in both of these instances, he will make little headway.

Mr. Frisch makes sweeping charges against the present agencies in the field of Jewish education, an inaccurate charge, but one which Mr. Frisch has sincerely believed for many years. The effectiveness of the present program in U. S. Jewish education is far from future goals but it is even farther from the complete inadequacy Mr. Frisch charges. How Mr. Frisch will proceed, except by a reference to consultation with these agencies which he first antagonizes, he does not say. He does intend, however, to spread both Hebrew and Yiddish into every Jewish home. Either one of these jobs would take the entire resources of the ZOA for the next two years, but to do both—when they in effect conflict with one another—indicates that here Mr. Frisch may be playing politics with his many Yiddish-speaking followers.

Mr. Frisch is more definite when he discusses his plan of action to Zionize the federation and welfare funds. He will set up a special commission to do this job. In that respect, the ZOA president is perfectly within his rights, but he is certain to run into opposition from many leaders, Zionists most of them, who think that the democracy achieved thus far by community councils and federations will be jettisoned by an attempt of any one group to "capture" these organizations.

It is in respect to Israel that Mr. Frisch shows his clearest thinking and it is here that he will

achieve most. His analysis is accurate, and while he speaks as if he is ready to cooperate with Mapai, the dominant labor party in Israel, he is enough of a realist to know that Mapai will resist what he will try to do when it becomes too successful; and he knows also that now is the time when Mapai can least afford to resist.

In other words, opportunity is ripe now for the General Zionists to gain an important political foothold in Israel.

But the membership of the ZOA must realize what it is doing. Heretofore the ZOA's position has been one of pushing for all the types of democratic institutions such as the U.S. is blessed with—a school system run by the government, the social agencies such as sickness benefits, etc., government-operated, a unification instead of the present fragmentation in which each political party takes care of its own and each party sets up its own agencies.

Isn't Mr. Frisch's program designed to make the ZOA into an arm of a party as such in Israel, with its own colonies and its own free loan societies, and so on?

Maybe the ZOA president feels that only by going into business, like the other parties, can his General Zionists successfully contend with the other parties. In this respect, too, his analysis is probably accurate. But it remains to be seen whether the ZOA as another party—instead of the traditional General Zionist grouping interested in Israel as a whole and not merely a fragment of that nation—doesn't come to first compete and then attempt to dominate the labor government.

Most members of the ZOA joined not because it represented political beliefs but because it offered the best method of aiding Israel. Perhaps it would be better for the leadership of the ZOA not to concern itself with gaining power in world Zionism, but rather to content itself with the traditional role of working for Israel, while others fight in the political arena to make their particular belief the dominating one.

A Commentary on our National Jewish Organizations

WITH how much trepidation one must approach a situation which involves more than one of our national Jewish organizations can easily be seen from the meeting held last week end in the east at about which 50 Jewish leaders discussed the future of the American Jewish community.

The meeting was held under the aegis of one of our big national Jewish organizations. Excellent papers were read, and from what can be gathered, the meeting achieved its purpose very well. That purpose was to obtain the best available thinking on the problem at a time in the history of the American Jewish community when new directions must be taken.

But—and here is the giveaway—the meeting was held in strictest secrecy. All participants were promised there would be no publicity whatever. When The Post was advised by one of its friends of the meeting and its purpose and what

took place, our routine inquiry to the national organization was greeted with threats of exposure if we dared to publish anything about the meeting.

Now, the organization holding the meeting is known for its complaints against other Jewish organizations for back-stage negotiations, while it has paraded its own willingness to rely on the democratic principle of freedom of speech and press.

The organization involved, however, is not so much concerned with publicity in this instance. It is trying to protect the participants, some of whom were big people in other and competing national organizations. What can be said at any meeting on the future of the American Jewish community which need be held secret?

What a commentary on our national Jewish organizations!

Open Our Synagogues To All

AN invitation to newcomers in Columbus, O., extended through the pages of the Ohio Jewish CHRONICLE of that city, to "all newcomers . . . to affiliate themselves with the Columbus Jewish houses of worship," is a fine gesture, but the chances are it will result in no takers. Newcomers who want synagogue affiliation will seek it out. Newcomers who would accept synagogue affiliation if approached, but who have not been solicited, will not respond to the invitation, although possibly they might join if they were approached individually.

The Columbus invitation came from all three wings of Judaism, which certainly is worth comment, although by now more than one Jewish community has pooled its synagogue forces to make a concerted drive toward the unaffiliated.

Now if the invitation had said that we want you to worship with us, we welcome you into membership with no fees for tickets or affiliation, and if the invitation was extended to encompass the long-time residents who have not affiliated, then it would be a radical departure, which—as an experiment—might show the way for other communities.

There are always reasons to be found by

any family for not affiliating, some valid, others alibis and rationalizations. But there is a sufficient number of young and not yet affluent people who want and need Judaism, who are alienated by the practice of selling seats or by the high cost of membership.

That congregations waive membership fees for families unable to pay is not the solution, since hardly any Jewish family with pride would affiliate under this ruling, which amounts to taking a pauper's oath.

No. Free affiliation must mean exactly that. No pressure, no financial investigation—and complete welcome. It is difficult to see how such a ruling would affect the finances of any congregation in the long run. These people would come to accept their obligation as members, as they took part in services and other synagogue activities.

But even if financial loss was suffered, the position of the synagogue would be so much more enhanced. The charge that our synagogues are for the rich only, a charge that unfortunately is not too hard to prove, would sooner or later be forgotten and the numbers of the unaffiliated would be vastly reduced.

Vatican Push Worsens Jerusalem UN Problem

LAUSANNE—Sources here reported this week that the strong intervention of the Vatican for internationalization of all of Jerusalem has made that issue the toughest one before the United Nations Conciliation Commission.

Before that intervention, it had been agreed that a solution of the Jerusalem problem would follow almost automatically on solution of the Arab refugee problem and territorial questions.

Since the issue is now slated to come before the next General Assembly, the commission now has a special problem. The Vatican reportedly has succeeded in getting support of most of the Latin American countries, France, Belgium and other predominantly Roman Catholic countries.

Until the strong stand by the Vatican, it was generally considered likely that a Jordan-Israeli agreement could be reached on the basis of the existing situation. Jordan controls the old city and Israel the new.

Symphony Patrons Balk At Friday Switch Idea

MINNEAPOLIS—Plans of Minneapolis symphony officials to shift some concerts next season from Fridays to Thursdays, in response to pleas of Sabbath-minded Jewish music-lovers, have brought objections from students and faculty members at the University of Minnesota, it was reported this week.

The plea was first made early this year by Rabbi Albert G. Minde of Temple Israel, speaking on behalf of many Twin City Jewish concert-goers who felt "compelled to miss the symphony's regular concerts because they are given on Friday evenings."

The American Jewish WORLD, local Anglo-Jewish weekly, reported the objections from the University, where the symphony organization is housed.

Library Drops Awards After Pound Furore

WASHINGTON—The demand of Rep. Jacob Javitz, New York Republican, for an investigation of a Library of Congress award to Fascist poet Ezra Pound was rejected this week but that award will be the last by the Library.

Chairman Theodore Green, Rhode Island Democrat, of the joint Senate-House Library Committee, ordered the Library to drop such awards.

Pound, who is now insane, received the \$1,000 Bollingen poetry prize for his "Pisan Cantos." He wrote the prize-winning poetry while in a prisoner-of-war camp in Italy for broadcasting for Mussolini. He was indicted for treason.

Librarian Luther H. Evans said he was cancelling all prizes and awards from the Library.

Israel To Ban Luxury Goods Import

TEL AVIV (WNS)—A plea by the Manufacturers Association for a ban on imports of all luxury goods which can be manufactured in Israel was given government backing this week.

Dov Joseph, Minister of Supply and Rationing, said that importation of such goods will be barred in the future.

The World of Books

U. S. PALESTINE POLICY GETS
SCALPEL TREATMENT IN NEW BOOK

THE REALITIES OF AMERICAN - PALESTINE RELATIONS, By Frank E. Manuel, 370 pages, Public Affairs Press, Washington, D.C., \$5.

By WARD MOORE

THE DRY and not too inviting title of Dr. Manuel's study of American diplomacy in and in relation to Eretz Israel has a grimly humorous connotation, appropriate not only to the subject, but to the author's ironic style. It is indeed the realities with which Dr. Manuel deals and not the romantic hopes, wishful thinkings and despairing self deceptions with which a people heart-sick with thwarted longings have bemused themselves. Great and Good Friend is not one of the realities, but a conventional phrase to be found in any dictionary of protocol.

I don't know whether nations are born innocent and become cynical as they grow older. I know that it is a long while since Franklin and Washington and Jefferson went out of their way to express friendship and interest in the Jewish community. It is even a long time since 1830 when Dr. Manuel's book begins with the American-Turkish treaty and the appointment of an American consul in Jerusalem.

IN THOSE DAYS oil was something obtained from whale blubber and business between the United States and the Vilayet of Beirut—which included what is now Syria, Lebanon, Israel and the territories alienated by Herbert Samuel—was negligible.

There was, therefore, none of those reasonable, logical and inescapable considerations of policy to prevent American diplomats from enjoying what seems in retrospect an ingenuous and touching concern for the condition of the handful of Jews in Jerusalem, Tiberias and Safed. This unoppressive combination of idealism and lack of commerce operated right through the Cleveland administration to make the American Consulate the chief refuge from Turkish oppression and injustice.

At the turn of the century, however, a number of hitherto absent factors entered the picture. The United States became a world power with an expanding State Department whose staff and machinery, by its nature, origin and functions, tended to codify and make rigid what had been flexible and impromptu, and to widen the gap between well-meaning directives issued at the top and equally well-meaning functionaries at the point of contact.

Then there was the appointment of a succession of Jews—Strauss, Elkus, Morgenthau—as ministers to Turkey, all worthy gentlemen and estimable plenipotentiaries, who conceived it part of their duties as American representatives to submerge their feelings as Jews and act in their official capacities as though they were Gentiles.

Also there were the persecu-

tions in Russia which resulted in the waves of emigration, some of which was directed in spite of Turkish opposition toward Israel. Then there was Herzl and an emerging, increasingly vigorous and articulate Zionism. Finally there was trade between Palestine and the United States, the rumors of oil in the Negev, and the 1914 concession by Turkey to Standard Oil.

THE REALITIES became increasingly real with World War I as the old idealism combined with the new imperialism which tended to make the entire Near East a sphere of American influence, shared with the British and French. The vacillations and jockeyings over the endorsement of the Balfour Declaration, the hot and cold flushes which successive administrations suffered in their fever for Jewish votes on one hand and considerations of power, prestige and propriety on the other, are detailed by Dr. Manuel for the enlightenment of the innocent and the dour satisfaction of the disillusioned. Allow me to quote at random:

"While the State Department remained pointedly indifferent to the Zionist character of the Palestine Mandate and was not notably exercised over the murder of eight or 12 American Jews in the Wailing Wall riots (there was some discussion about the accurate figure), the previous year it had been far from apathetic about the award of a contract for the construction of the Haifa harbor works, another facet of the British mandate policy. Secretary of State Kellogg had written the American ambassador in London that he considered the virtual exclusion of American bids a violation of the Anglo-American convention of 1925 . . . Intervention in this Haifa case was in the main current of United States policy of the isolationist period; to spurn complex situations which entailed political commitments and to back to the hilt the rights of expansive American business in foreign countries. It was a highly selective isolationism.

"After the 1929 riots, the League of Nations Mandate Commission severely criticized the relations of the mandatory with the Jews. The United States . . . remained officially silent. There was even a marked decline in the number of conventional greetings by the Chief Executives to Zionist meetings."

Or later:

"... The cold fact is that until the close of 1948, Great Britain was abetted in its dog-in-the-manger policy by officials in the United States Military and diplomatic establishment."

While the Anglo-Jewish press rejoiced,

"Despite President Truman's call for the immediate implement-

Can't Ship Gift Boat,
So Volunteers Sail It

HAIFA, Israel—A gift yacht this week from New York, piloted by a crew of Americans who volunteered to drive the ship to Israel after it was found impossible to load it on freighter.

The 150 horsepower ship, a gift of the New York Material for Israel Fund was captained by John Ryan of New York.

ation of the 100,000 immigrants recommendation, the 17th of May the Arab states were still being assured by Dean Acheson, Acting Secretary of State, that it was the intention of the Government of the United States to consult with the Arabs and Jews before taking any definite decision' . . .

Dr. Manuel points out:

"American strategists were well aware that the inhabitants of Palestine were overwhelmingly eastern European Jews. The remnants of the Jews in Europe for whom a refuge was sought were usually the toughest of the survivors of the ghettos of eastern Europe. These . . . would not be as readily amenable to western control as Arab fellaheen. The very tenacity and blind heroism of the terrorist Jewish bands were evidence to military staff analysts that this was not the human material on which to base a system for the United States. Without the Jews, staff officers reasoned, a political pattern might be created to render the Middle East quiescent . . ."

I could go on and quote the whole book, which would be a pleasure, though not an unalloyed one, right through the Truman pirouettes to the final de jure recognition of Israel. It is a story well worth study and pondering, most especially by those whose uncontaminated faith in Gentile goodwill is more pronounced than their grasp of reality.

Con Man Not Rabbi,
Jewish Bureau Says

NEW YORK—(WNS)—Solomon Eichenstein, who was held here this week on charges of swindling about 300,000 dollars in financial transactions involving the purchase of Israeli pounds, is not an ordained rabbi, declared this week the Jewish Statistical Bureau, an organization which maintains registries of rabbis representing all wings of American Judaism.

The bureau stated that Eichenstein never served as a rabbi in a congregation or performed any other rabbinic services. Eichenstein was registered with the bureau as the finance secretary of a small congregation in Manhattan, Congregation Anshe Podesitz, and his function was the collection of dues.

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JDC May Enter Israel Scene
On Gov't Invite, Says Montor

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—Henry Montor, executive director of the 1948 United Jewish Appeal, disclosed this week that the traditionally non-Zionist Joint Distribution Committee may start operations in Israel, and that it may do so at the invitation of the Israeli Government.

Montor, who recently returned from Israel where U.S. Jewish leaders conferred with Israeli officials on American fund-raising, indicated that possibility in a report to the U.S. Jewish community on his visit.

JDC Seeks Program

The JDC, the second largest agency of the United Jewish Appeal, has been switching its work to North African Jewry as the Jewish refugee situation in Europe reached its final phases. The other two agencies of the UJA are the United Palestine Appeal, which works exclusively in Israel, and the United Service for New Americans. The USNA aids Jewish refugees coming to the U.S.

Many U.S. Jewish relief groups whose work in Europe has been rapidly diminished by the departure of refugees have been shifting their operations to Israel, notably the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society and ORT, a rehabilitation and training

group.

Montor said that one of the subjects he heard discussed on his visit was the possibility of JDC entering Israel.

It's Likely

"I do not know what the final outcome will be but I do think it fair to report that among the leaders of the Government as well as in the Jewish Agency there was a widespread feeling that the experience that the JDC had accumulated over many years in dealing with social welfare problems would be a distinct asset to the country in meeting some of the special problems arising out of the large-scale immigration," Montor said.

He said that "the close cooperation that has existed between the JDC and the Jewish Agency in the whole immigration program in Israel has laid the foundation for this warmly appreciative attitude."

Carl Alpert Among Those Stranded
STRIKE BOGS ISRAEL N. Y. PLANE
IN ZURICH FOR NEARLY WEEK

ZURICH, Switzerland—More than 40 passengers on a chartered Coastal Air Lines plane bound from Israel to New York have been stranded here for almost a week by a strike of the plane's crew over non-payment of salaries.

The passengers included Carl Alpert, National Jewish Post columnist, and Mrs. Alpert.

The passengers, most of whom are Americans, had already been delayed another week because of the failure of the plane to leave Israel on an earlier scheduled date.

Efforts to communicate with the management of the airline or to get help from the American Consul failed. Cables also were sent to Zalman Freedman, of the American Red Mogen Dovid, who had originally chartered the plane.

A report that the plane would be ready to leave on a Friday led to a dispute among the passengers. Many of them, for religious reasons, would not travel on Saturday. The sharp difference of opinion on this issue was as marked among the laymen as among the rabbinical passengers.

Among the passengers are Dr.

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Israel Tabak of Baltimore, president of the Rabbinical Council of America; Rabbi and Mrs. William Malev of Houston, Tex.; Rabbi Abraham Soltes of New York; Mrs. Alvin Rubin of Roslyn, L. I.; Rabbi Joseph Renov of Linden, N. J.; H. Yarden of Los Angeles; Rabbi Samuel Segal of Orkland, Calif.; Rabbi Sidney Wolf of Corpus Christi, Tex.; and Rabbi Reuben Slonim of Toronto.

Passengers also included members of a Hapoel Hamizrachi tour of Israel.

During their stay in Zurich, the passengers were accommodated at local hotels by the authorities of Swissair, who sought to make their stay as comfortable as possible.

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Congress Flatly Denies Taking Any Aid From Jewish Anti-Red Group

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—The American Jewish Congress issued a categorical denial this week of claims by the American Jewish League Against Communism that it had helped the Congress plan the strategy that led to the expulsion of two pro-Communist affiliates last May.

The statement issued by the League last week said that "we have intimate knowledge of the fact that pro-democrats in the Congress have at last decided to get rid of its Communists."

The two groups, the Jewish People's Front and the American Jewish Labor Council, were ousted at a meeting of the Congress national administrative committee.

The League said that a small meeting was held at the office of its director, Rabbi Benjamin Schultz, in March, 1948, "at which plans were formulated for the campaign."

Schultz Was There

According to the League, as a result of that meeting, Rabbi Schultz was invited to be a guest speaker "at a very large but unpublicized meeting of the American Jewish Congress at the Broadway Central hotel, New York, on Sunday evening, April 18, 1948."

The League said that among those attending were "most of the prominent congress leaders of the New York area outside of Manhattan. Leaders of divisions and chapters were there, both men and women."

The sweeping Congress denial was signed by Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the executive

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ever upon the events that led to the ouster of the two organizations as affiliates."

"We repeat and re-emphasize that no one having any part in directing Congress policy has had any communication whatsoever in this matter with Rabbi Schultz and the Jewish League against Communism," the rebuttal said.

"The American Jewish Congress is fully familiar with the methods and tactics of that body," the statement concluded. "We have never had and never wish to have any truck with Rabbi Schultz and his League."

Charge Jerusalem OK'd Sabbath Violation

JERUSALEM — The Mizrahi (religious Zionist) party charged this week that D. Auster, mayor of Jerusalem, had permitted desecration of the Sabbath by giving an Israeli non-Jew permission to show films in the YMCA Hall during that day.

The Mizrahi said that when Mayor Auster was asked why he had done so by the rabbinate, he had replied that the Sabbath Ordinance did not apply to the non-Jew.

The Mizrahi said that the mayor "forgot" to point out that the audience could be only Jewish, since there is virtually no non-Jewish section in Jerusalem.

First With The News

The National Jewish Post

ARAB LEGION EXECUTED ISRAELI AS SPY LAST MONTH, SAYS MIZRACHI

JERUSALEM—A Yeminite Jewish Israeli was executed by the Jordan Arab Legion last month on charges of espionage, the Mizrahi (religious Zionist) Information Service reported this week.

The Service said that Elyahu Hadar smuggled himself into the Old City of Jerusalem with a group of repatriated Arab prisoners of war. He was sentenced to death as a spy by the Arab Legion and shot.

Congress Opposition Formed In S. Calif.

LOS ANGELES—A southern California unit of the Committee for a Democratic American Jewish Congress, new internal opposition to the present leadership of the organization, is in process of formation, it was reported this week.

The B'nai B'rith MESSENGER, Los Angeles Anglo-Jewish weekly, said that Myer Pransky, vice president of the Southern California region, will be head of the local opposition unit.

The weekly quoted Pransky as saying that a great portion of the local membership were aroused by the actions of the national leadership and were planning to send a large delegation to the national convention in November.

Pransky told the weekly that most of the local leaders have identified themselves with the national opposition group.

The new group was organized early this month with a call to

the membership to oust the present national leadership at the forthcoming national convention in November. (NJP, Aug. 5.)

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